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SUBJECT: MEMBER OF GUYANESE EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, COMMENTS ON
 U.S.-GUYANA RELATIONS

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1. LOCAL JOURNALIST INFORMED PAO JANUARY 8 OF CONVERSATION
SAME DAY ON SUBJECT, U.S.-GUYANA RELATIONS, WITH RICHARD
HALDER, CHARGE, GUYANESE EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. HALDER IS
PRESENTLY IN GEORGETOWN TO ATTEND CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS CONFERENCE CONVENED BY MFA FOR JANUARY 10-15.

2. HALDER SAID GUYANESE EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, HAD BEEN
ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE CHANGES AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN
BURNHAM GOVERNMENT (REF A) AND THAT EMBASSY HAD TO REPLY
THAT IT HAD NO INFORMATION ON SUBJECT. HALDER THEN
COMPLAINED THAT MFA DOES NOT KEEP ITS WASHINGTON EMBASSY
WELL INFORMED. HALDER THEN CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THAT THE
GUYANESE EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE
GUYANESE EMBASSY, HAVANA, IS DOING AND VICE VERSA.

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2. HALDER CONTINUED CONVERSATION WITH STATEMENT THAT LAWRENCE
MANN, GUYANA'S AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, WILL RETURN IN TIME
FOR CARTER INAUGURAL. HE SAID MANN HAD CALLED BURNHAM AND
WILLS SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE HIS RECALL TO GEORGETOWN AND ASKED
THEM WHAT SHOULD HE DO?; PROJECT GUYANA'S IMAGE IN AFRICA OR
CONCENTRATE ON GUYANA'S RELATIONS WITH U.S.? IF OBJECTIVE
IS TO PROJECT GUYANA IN AFRICA, MANN THEN IS REPORTED

TO HAVE TOLD BOTH BURNHAM AND WILLS THAT WASHINGTON EMBASSY SHOULD BE REDUCED TO A ONE-MAN OFFICE.

3. HALDER PREDICTED THAT SPARKS WILL FLY AT CHIEF OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS CONFERENCE REFERRED TO IN PARA 1. MANN INTENDS TO PIN DOWN WILLS AND BURNHAM AT MEETING AND HAVE THEM SPELL OUT WHAT SPECIFICALLY ARE GUYANA'S OBJECTIVES VIS-A-VIS U.S. HALDER BELIEVES THAT GUYANA NEEDS U.S. MORE THAN U.S. NEEDS GUYANA AND THAT HE IS FEARFUL THAT UNLESS POSITIVE STEPS ARE TAKEN BY BURNHAM GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH U.S., U.S. WILL DROP GUYANA ALTOGETHER.

4. FYI: HALDER SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH "NICE" AMERICANS HE HAS MET BOTH IN AND OUT OF DEPARTMENT AND WITH WHOM HE HAD DEALINGS. HE TOLD JOURNALIST THAT HE DOES NOT PLAN TO RETURN TO GUYANA BECAUSE HE IS QUOTE FED UP UNQUOTE WITH PRESENT SITUATION.

5. COMMENT: HALDER'S COMMENTS REGARDING MANN'S CONCERN ABOUT FUTURE US-GOG RELATIONS ECHOED BY FONMIN REPORTED REF B.

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